(d) whether it is also a fact that the management of the Ashram was taken over in 1977 by Government; and if so, what are the reasons under which it was taken over; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government again relinquished the charge of the Yogashram in 1980; and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Complaints regarding financial irregularities and mismanagement of the Vishwayatan Yogashram were received. The Government instituted inquiries. On the basis of which it was decided to stop funding the Vishwayatan Yogashram. Rs. 42.80 lakhs were released to the Yogashram between 1984-85 and 1993-94.

(d) Yes, Sir. The management of the Yogashram was taken over for a limited pci iod in the public interest and in order to secure the proper management and for all matters connected with the Yogashram.

(e) It was decided in 1980 that it was not necessary for the management of the undertaking to remain vested with the Government therefore it was handed over lo the original Society.

Proposal received for setting up of FPI in Gujarat

♦218. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLAN-KI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(! what are the details of the proposals received for setting up of Food Processing Industries in Gujarat particularly in Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat and Panch Mahal districts during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared;

(c) whether proposals for Foreign Investment in this sector have also been received; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Out of the 196 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda filed for setting 00 Food Processing Industries in Gujarat, till November. 1994, the proposals filed in respect of the 4 districts are : Vadodara-15, Bharuch-11, Surat-7 ad Panch Mahal-5. 16 units have already started commercial production in Gujarat involving an investment of Rs. 280 crores and actual employment of 1474 persons. Out of these 4 are in Bharuch and one in Surat District. In addition 21 proposals have been approved for setting up rood processing units under Joint Venture/Foreign Collaboration/Industrial Licences etc. In these, 3 units are to be located at Vadodara and one each at Bharuch and Surat.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Out of total approvals given the foreign investment involved is Rs. 7.3 crores.

Amount allotted to West Bengal for repair of National Highways

*219. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the actual amount released so far for maintenance and repairs of National Highways during 1994-95 against the annual plan provision of Rs. 28 crores; and how much amount has been released till date by the Ministry;

(b) what portion of the distressed stretches of National Highways in West Bengal still remains to be completed; and

(c) by when the total allocation of Rs. 28 crores will be released and whether any additional amount beyond Rs. 28 crores would be required for the above job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TCTLER) : (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member has in mind the amount allocated for the development of National Highways during 1994-95 in West Bengal. An allocation of Rs. 29.00 crores has been made during the year. Expenditure incurred is reimbursed subject to the allocation made. For maintenance & repairs of National Highways, an amount of Rs. 13.80 crores has been released so far

(b) Development and maintenance of National Highways in the country including West Bengal is a continuous process and works are taken up depending upon traffic intensity, condition of roads, inter-se priority and availability of funds. National Highways in West Bengal are kept in a traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

(c) Further allocation exceeding Rs. 29.00 crores would depend upon the requirement and availability of funds.

पाकिस्तान की आई० एस० आई० द्वारा सूचना केन्द्र की स्थापना

*220. श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गृह मंत्रालय को महाराष्ट्र पुलिस से मध्य प्रदेश के बुरहानपुर नगर और महाराष्ट्र के भुसावल नगर के बीच पाकिस्तानी खुफिया एजेंसी आई० एस०आई० द्वारा एक शक्तिशाली सूचना केन्द्र स्थापित किए जाने की सूचना प्राप्त हुई है;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस सूचना केन्द्र को नष्ट करने के लिए और इसका संचालन करने वालों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्रवाई की है; और

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने देश के अन्य भागों में भी आई०एस०आई० के ऐसे सूचना केन्द्रों का पता लगाने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है; यदि हां, तो ऐसे सूचना केन्द्रों को चलाने वाले गिरोहों में कितने भारतीय पाए गए और सरकार ने उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री० एस० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) पुलिस और आसूचना संगठनों को निर्देश दिए गए हैं कि देश के सभी भागों में पाकिस्तानी आई०एस०आई० के मोड्यूल्स और गति-विधियों का जब कभी भी पता चले तो, उन्हें निष्क्रिय कर दिया जाए। देश के किसी भाग में इस प्रकार के सूचना केन्द्रों के होने की रिपोर्ट नहीं है।

Raid in Rimpick Rajabhir Forest

2177. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS ^be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a raid jointly conducted by the Forest Department and Police at Rimpick Rajabhir Forest under Siryalila Forest Range which is a Wild Life Sanctuary, several precious materials including skins, horns etc. of wild animals alongwith firearms were recovered on the 3rd and 4th March. 1994;

(b) if so, what were the material so recovered;

(c) how many people were arrested in this connection; and

(d) what are the details of the mea sures being taken to prevent such nefari ous activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the information received from the State Government, in this raid, the following wildlife articles were seized :

3 heads with horn of Himalayan Tahr. «-.;)

3 heads with horn of Barikng deer 2 heads of Barking deer. 2 skins of Yak. 1 skin of Himalayan Black Bear.

Some firearms were also seized by the Police during this raid.

(.c) Two persons were arrested on 5th March, 1994 in this connection and two offence cases were lodged by the Forest Department and the Police Department also lodged a separate case in connection with the seizure of firearms.

(d) Following this incident it is reported ihat the Forest Department has stepped up its protection enforcement activities including the frequency of patrolling, extension of the area under wireless communication network and a proposal for giving rewards for collection of intelligence has also been drawn-up.

Impact of poor quality coal used in power plants

2178. SHR1 PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in Hindi daily "Jansatta" of 25th October, 1994 regarding adverse impact of pcor quality coal on power plants and on the environment;

(b) if so, the extent of environmental tlcpradation in and around Rota due to pollution arising out of burning of high ash lower quality coal by the Kota Thermal Power Plant:

(c) whether there are any such incidents of increase in pollution levels in other parts of the country due to burning of high ash low quality coals in the thermal power plants or in other industries;

(d) if so, the details of environmental degradation on these accounts; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against coal companies supplying high ash low quality coal, so ;is to prevent environmental degradation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS CSHR1 KAMAL NATH) ; fa) Yes, Sir.

fb) to (d) The Indian coal presentlv supplied to all thermal power plants 'tiding the plant at Kota, has ash content varying from approximately 35% to